

FOUR JAPANESE STEAMERS SUNK IN ATTACK ON PORT ARTHUR

Russians Cut Telegraph Wires--- Russian Ships Disabled and Will be Taken from Port Arthur for Permanent Repairs---Other War News of Interest.

Japanese Made an Attempt to Blockade the Port and Lost Four of Their Vessels, Two of Which are Still Burning--Attempt Was Unsuccessful.

By Associated Press.
Port Arthur, Feb. 25--About nine o'clock on the morning of the 24th, a large Japanese squadron approached Port Arthur and the Bayak and Novik were ordered to engage them. The Japanese did not fire and steamed away. The cruiser Paloda has entered dock.

By Associated Press.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 25--It is rumored that a bombardment of Port Arthur is going on to-day. The official report is that the enemy again attacked Port Arthur from one to three o'clock this morning and was repulsed.

By Associated Press.
Port Arthur, Feb. 25--Four steamers were sent in by the Japanese yesterday in an attempt to blockade the port. All were sunk, one beyond Golden Hill, one near the Reviztan and the other two between the entrance and the peninsula. Two are still burning.

By Associated Press.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 25--The Retvisan and Carevich employed at Port Arthur as guardships, will have to go to Vladivostok to be permanently repaired. There are no further details of the Japanese attempt to close Port Arthur harbor by sinking large merchantmen in the entrance, except that eight torpedo boats were engaged and the effort failed.

By Associated Press.
Soul, Feb. 25--Russian videttes have cut the telegraph wires between Adjut and Pingyang.

Report Discredited.
By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., Feb. 25--The Japanese legation here discredits the report of the loss of Japanese vessels. It says the reports come from Russian sources. The sinking of the transports and the participation of the Retvisan are regarded as suspicious. The Retvisan is supposed to be disabled and there is no reason for the presence of transport.

Report Was a Fake.
By Associated Press.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 25--It now appears that the announcement of the Japanese defeat at Port Arthur was given as official by mistake, and there is no official confirmation here of Russian victory.

GUILTY

John McNemar and son, William, of Broad Oaks, were tried in Squire James N. Davis' court by Squire Samuel W. Gordon Thursday morning on the charge of having assaulted Sterling Wentz, the 14-year-old son of J. D. Wentz, of Broad Oaks, last Friday. It was shown that the Wentz boy was the aggressor so far as the boys were concerned and the warrant against the McNemar boy was dismissed. However, McNemar acknowledged to telling his boy to cut himself from the Wentz boy with a knife and for this McNemar was fined \$5 and costs. He asked that the fine be made \$10 and then he appealed the case to the circuit court.

COLONEL DICK NOMINATED BY REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 25--General Charles Dick was nominated by acclamation for both the unexpired and regular terms for United States Senator to succeed the late Senator Hanna at the caucus of the Republican members of the Legislature last evening. The name of General Dick was the only one presented. As the Republicans have a large majority in both branches, General Dick's election is assured, and the balloting on March 1 will be only a formality.

QUIET WEDDING

Will Be Performed at A. M. E. Church
Parsonage To-night, Miss Hannah
Moats and Mr. Charles Mayes
Being Contracting Parties.

A quiet wedding ceremony will be performed at the parsonage of Pryde's Chapel, A. M. E. church, Thursday evening at eight o'clock. Miss Hannah Moats and Mr. Charles M. Mayes, two prominent colored people will be the contracting parties and Rev. George C. Sampson, the pastor of the church will officiate. The wedding will be a quiet one and will be witnessed by only the immediate friends of the bride and groom. Miss Lucile A. Scott will act as the bridesmaid and Mr. George E. Walker will be the best man. The contracting parties have many friends who will extend hearty congratulations to them for their married life.

SNOWSLIDE

In Roosevelt, Idaho, Kills Prominent
Politician of the State of
Ohio.

By Associated Press.
Sandusky, O., Feb. 25--News has been received here that Captain Avery Anderson, of this city, was killed yesterday by a snow slide in Roosevelt, Idaho. He was ex-chairman of the Republican executive committee, and a well known ex-soldier.

SALEM

Leads in Active Oil Developments at
Present in the County, Several Wells
Being Under Way.

On the east side of the Folsom district in this county, the South Penn Oil Company has drilled its No. 5 on the W. R. Hall farm into the strata sand 20 feet and has developed no oil. It is now due in the Gordon sand.

The following developments are reported from the Salem field:

The South Penn's D. N. Griffin No. 1, which was drilled to the strata, will commence drilling to-morrow for the Gordon, when a better production is hoped for.

F. J. Ehret, No. 1, will commence drilling this week.

Drilling will commence this week on the J. H. Griffin No. 1.

Amos Morris, on Grass Run, is down 1,500 feet.

The Charlotte Clark No. 3, is drilling at 700 feet.

The J. H. Riffe No. 1, is at a depth of 2,200 feet.

Stackpole & Morrissey have a fishing job on Sam Gains No. 4.

Silas Fittro No. 5, is down 2,300 feet, and No. 6 on the same farm has reached the 1,200 foot mark.

VISITING RELATIVES.

Mrs. G. F. Carrell and little granddaughter, Miss Carrel, are visiting relatives at Clarksburg. Mrs. McGregor and daughter, of Wheeling, who had been here for a few days, accompanied them to Clarksburg--Fairmont Times.

PROMINENT QUAKER DEAD.

By Associated Press.
Richmond, Ind., Feb. 25--Prof. W. B. Morgan, a prominent Quaker educator, is dead at Lowell, Kansas.

CONSECRATED AS BISHOP.

By Associated Press.
Stevensville, Ohio, Feb. 25--Rev. Father James J. Hartley was consecrated as Bishop of Diocese of Columbus, here to-day in the church built during his pastorate.

INSPECTION

Of the West Virginia National Guard
Will Be Commenced in Month
of April.

Officers and men of the West Virginia National Guard have been advised by the Adjutant General's office that the semi-annual inspection of the guard will be commenced in April. Each company will be rigidly inspected by a detail of officers sent from the United States regular army. The guard officers have been asked to have the commands in the best possible shape, as the showing made will have much weight with the National government in providing for the future equipment and training of the militia. The inspection will consist of an examination of the company's records, discipline and drill of the officers and men, both in manual of arms and foot movements, guard duty, etc. Since the last encampment, when much practical good was derived from the presence of regular troops at the camp, the guard has made much progress, many drills and schools having been held, and it is expected that the showing made will be a creditable one.

HARBOR DESTROYED

Destroyed By Fire, Blaze Burning a
Bank, Post Office and Several
Stores.

By Associated Press.
Conneaut, Ohio, Feb. 25--The business portion of Conneaut harbor burned to-day. The loss is \$100,000. It was partly insured. The fire consumed the Mutual block and the Marine Bank building, including the Marine Bank, post office and several stores.

WILL LIFT QUARANTINE.

The small pox quarantine at the Lindsay home, in Point Comfort, will be lifted Saturday, the disease having run its course there. The Davis home will be kept under quarantine another week and the Taylor home will also be kept under quarantine several days yet. There are no new cases and it is the hope that the city is rid of the disease.

INVASION

Of Panama Will Be Made By Colombians As Soon As They Hear of
Ratification of the Treaty.

By Associated Press.
Panama, Feb. 25--It is said the Colombians will invade Panama as soon as they learn of the ratification of the Panama Canal Treaty, whether the government orders it or not.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF THANK OFFERING SOCIETY.

The Woman's Free Thank Offering Society of Goff M. E. church will meet at the home of Mrs. Charles W. Lynch, at 403 Lee street to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. It will be the quarterly meeting of the society and the quarterly offering will be received. The women of the church are cordially invited to attend.

WIFE MURDERERS HANGED.

By Associated Press.
Kittanning, Pa., Feb. 25--Harry A. Zillaro was hanged here to-day for the murder of his wife a year ago.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 25--John Conroy was hanged in the jail yard here to-day for the murder of his wife in December 1902.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

The endeavors of the First Baptist church give a very cordial invitation to all young people to come to their prayer meeting on Friday night at 7:30 o'clock. Topic: "Heroism, and Other Lessons From China," Acts 14: 19-23. Leader, Mrs. Gertrude Highland.

GO TO SEE THE SICK.

Mrs. Joe Rosier and children and Miss Florence Rosier left to-day for Harrison county on a visit to relatives. The latter went to see her father at Bristol who is very sick. Mrs. Rosier went to visit her parents at Salem and will also go to see the sick gentleman. Mr. Rosier is still a very sick man. Fairmont Times.

OFFICERS EXCITING CHASE

CONSTABLES HAVE TRYING TIME
IN ARRESTING WILLIAM HAYS,
AT SALEM, AND BRINGING
HIM TO CLARKSBURG.

MAN BROKE AWAY SEVERAL TIMES
AND OFFICERS CHASED HIM
ALL OVER THE TOWN
OF SALEM.

Ran Aaway Handcuffed Once--Created
Scene on Passenger Train--Was Ar-
rested For Illicit Operation of
a Saloon in Salem.

Constable U. G. Edgell and his brother, Ira Edgell had a day full of trouble and adventure at Salem Wednesday. They went to that city for the purpose of arresting two men who were charged with the illicit operation of a saloon. They arrested one of the men all right but the other led them an exasperating chase all over the town of Salem. He broke away from the officers. Several times and was caught only after all had covered several town blocks on the run each time. One time the man was handcuffed but he didn't seem to mind that and made a dash in the direction of Ritchie county. The officers had to do another sprinting stunt of several squares lengths before they got their man.

Granville Divers, of Salem, came before Magistrate S. W. Gordon in this city a day or so ago and caused a warrant to be issued against Dudley Pomeroy and William Hays, charging them with conducting a saloon within the legal limit of the Seventh Day Baptist church, contrary to the laws and the peace and dignity of the State. The alleged offense was committed on Washington's Birthday, and at a time when protracted meetings were being held in the church.

The warrant was placed in the hands of Constable Edgell, who secured the assistance of his brother and had him sworn in as special constable. The two officers went to Salem Wednesday with the determination to do their duty as the law required them.

The officers found Dudley Pomeroy and placed him under arrest without any trouble. He was required to appear before Magistrate S. W. Gordon in this city Friday morning for a hearing.

Hays could not be found and the officers reconnoitred. After a while they came across him on Pike street. They told Hays he was under arrest. Hays said he had to have the warrant read to him or he would not go along with the officers. One of the constables began to read the warrant to Hays and while they were thus occupied Hays made a break for the tall timber. The officers went after him. They ran for several squares and finally cut across lots and got him. Officers and prisoner then turned towards the city calaboose but they had not proceeded very far until the prisoner again became belligerent. He had some sort of a pie fit and wrestled with the officers. Again he shot up the street with the officers at his heels.

After another hot chase during which several town blocks sped under the flying feet of the pursuer and pursued the prisoner was again nabbed. This time the officers thought it would be best to put the bracelets on their man. A little thing like that did not seem to worry their prisoner and before they had proceeded any great distance he made another break for liberty.

This time the prisoner headed straight for the wilds of Ritchie county. The officers were close seconds and then began the feature run of the whole day. The men used up about a mile and a half of space before they got their fleeing prisoner. Even then he was headed straight for the foot hills.

The trio then turned towards the central part of town and the officers succeeded in getting their prisoner landed behind the bars of the town calaboose where they intended to keep him until the next train left Salem for Clarksburg. At train time the officers took their prisoner from the town jail and started towards the passenger depot. Hays again tried to break away and the constables had some more trouble with him. They finally got him landed on the train.

About half way between Salem and Clarksburg Hays had another wrestling match with the officers on the train. The constables had considerable trouble in pacifying their man but with their combined efforts they finally succeeded.

The prisoner was so worn out from his gymnastic gyrations that when the trio arrived in Clarksburg he was too exhausted to try to escape any more. The officers took him to the county jail and landed him safely in one of the cells to await a hearing before Magistrate S. W. Gordon.

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CURRENCE JARVAS WEDDING

MR. CURRENCE AND MISS DR. JARVIS
QUIETLY MARRIED AT
BRIDE'S HOME.

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS ONLY
WITNESS THE NUPTIALS PER-
FORMED BY REV. RICH-
ARDSON.

Bridegroom is Successful Young Jeweler
and Bride is An Accomplished, Cul-
tured and Popular Young Lady.

Mr. Lilburn P. Currence and Miss Dr. Louise Jarvis were quietly married at the home of the bride on West Main street at 8 o'clock Wednesday night. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. G. Richardson, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church. There were no attendants but a number of relatives and friends witnessed the nuptials.

Mr. and Mrs. Currence, accompanied by a number of friends, were driven to the railroad station, where the happy couple took the 9:44 o'clock train for New York, where they will spend their honeymoon and return here in two weeks.

Mr. Currence has purchased and furnished the Rightaire property, near Jasper Pew's, on North Chestnut street, and upon their return they will go to housekeeping there.

Mr. Currence is a prominent young jeweler of the city, having been successfully engaged in the business in Clarksburg about 10 years. He came here from Burnsville, where his parents reside and are persons of means. He has the art of making friends and losing none and as the result counts among his friends nearly all the people of Clarksburg.

The bride is a successful practicing physician. She is the daughter of William Jarvis, and was born and reared at quiet Dell. After graduating from a leading medical college in Cincinnati, she began to practice and later she took special medical training in the same college and to-day is one of the best read and most accomplished members of the "fraternity." She is related to the Wards, Stouts and other prominent families of the county. She is educated, cultured and beautiful, possessing a charming personality and being one of the most popular young ladies of the city.

"THE MEN'S LEAGUE"

If the First Presbyterian Church Will
Be Reorganized at Meeting to Be
Held on Friday Evening.

Friday evening at half past seven o'clock there will be a meeting of the men of the First Presbyterian church in the lecture room to perfect the reorganization of "The Men's League." After the regular business of the evening is transacted, a lunch will be served and the following program is being prepared:

R. R. Koblebard, presiding.
"The League as a Social Factor," W. B. McGreggor.
"The League as a Spiritual Factor," J. Horner Davis.
"The League as a Literary Factor," T. E. Riddle.
General remarks.
Closing prayer.
All men affiliated with the church are most cordially invited.

GOLDEN STAR

Will Be Forced to Give An Account
of Funds and Mismanagement is
Charged Against Officers.

By Associated Press.
Trenton, N. J., Feb. 25--Application has been made to the court in chancery or a receiver for the Supreme Lodge of Knights and Ladies of the Golden Star and compel an accounting. The bill charges mismanagement against the officers.

VAN DYKE EATON CO. COMING.

The Van Dyke Eaton Stock Company will fill a week's engagement in this city at the Traders Grand Opera House beginning Monday, Feb. 29. A performance will be given every night and on Saturday afternoon a matinee will be given for the women and children. The following plays will be produced through the week: Monday night, "A Lion's Heart;" Tuesday night, "Under Sealed Orders;" Wednesday night, "Faust;" Thursday night, "Carmen;" Friday night, "Right For Wrong;" Saturday matinee, "Over the Hills to the Poor House;" Saturday night, "Don Juan de Boman."

MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH SPLIT IN TWAIN

As Result of a Big Schism Part of the Congregation Pulls Out and Starts a Church of its Own---Af- fair is a Sequel to Sensation- al Trial of Rev. J. A. Watson.

Brethren and Sisters Say the Mount Zion Church is a "Corrupt and Disorderly Body" and They Repudiate It--End of Big Church Fight Is Not Yet.

COUNCIL

AT ADAMSTON HOLDS AN ADJOURN-
ED MEETING AND TRANS-
ACTS BUSINESS.

Resignation of Town Sergeant Accepted
and Another Elected--Several Ordi-
nances Passed--Drug License
Granted to William Pimm.

The Adamston town council held an adjourned meeting Wednesday night with the mayor presiding and the recorder and all the councilmen present.

The resignation of James Frazier, as chief of police, was accepted and La-burn Sayers was elected as his successor.

C. W. Moore was elected city attorney at the salary of \$50 a year.

William J. Pimm was granted a drug license.

Several ordinances relating to the duties of the mayor and the matter of granting license were adopted.

The salary of the chief of police was fixed at \$40 per month.

The salaries of the mayor and recorder will be fixed at the next meeting of the council.

The council adjourned to meet in regular session Wednesday night of next week.

SCHULBACH HAS WITHDRAWN

From the United States Senatorial Com-
test--Announcement Made by
Thomas O'Brien, Jr.

The Wheeling papers announce that Col. Henry Schulbach, the millionaire brewer, has withdrawn from the United States senatorial contest in this State.

Thomas O'Brien, Jr., who is one of Col. Schulbach's friends, was delegated to make the announcement and he has declared that Mr. Schulbach has positively withdrawn.

Col. Schulbach has gone to the Pacific coast for his health and ill-health and the time necessary to devote to his extensive business interests are assigned as the reason for his withdrawal. It is understood the Ohio delegation to the legislature will now give its undivided support to Senator Scott.

MORAL SUPPORT

Will Be Given By Citizens Industrial
Association in Case of Coal
Strikes.

By Associated Press.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 25--The executive committee of the Citizens' Industrial Association of America ended its work yesterday. Organizers will be sent out at once. Several national organizations of employers have applied for membership. The committee pledged its moral support to the coal operators of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Western Pennsylvania in case a strike is directed. An organization department for the special purpose of prosecuting persons guilty of violence in labor disputes was effected.

WANTS RECEIVER APPOINTED.

By Associated Press.
Indianapolis, Feb. 25--Newton Todd brought suit for the appointment of a receiver for the Hecla Consolidated Mining Company, on the ground of insolvency.

HARRY FORDYCE NOT SICK.

A relative says that Harry Fordyce has been sick all winter in New York. Another relative says he has not been and has been working every day.

The recent trial of Rev. J. A. Watson, the then pastor of the Mount Zion Colored Baptist Church, on the charge of disturbing the religious exercises in his own church preferred against him by members of his own flock is still fresh in the memory of the readers of this paper. The trial was a rather sensational one in colored circles and rather interesting to all on account of its peculiar phases.

Watson, it seems, was fired from the pastorate by the Board of Trustees. He refused to get out and on Sunday a week ago he tried to hold services in the church as usual, notwithstanding the fact that another man had been secured to preach to the Mount Zionists. Officers were called in, the church and the meeting broke up in consternation and confusion. The case in court followed.

Now as a result of this church schism which has been disturbing the equanimity of the brethren and sisters of the congregation for the past several months the Mount Zion Baptist church is hopelessly split in twain. Although Rev. Watson promised faithfully to leave the Mount Zion congregation forever and good in the compromise effected at the close of the trial, he now heads a faction in the church and has persuaded a goodly number of the members of the church to draw apart from that "corrupt and disorderly body," as he terms it, and institute a new church of their own.

At a meeting held in the parsonage, a number of the members of the Mount Zion church adopted and agreed to the following resolutions and to-day there is a new church organization among the colored people of Clarksburg, which is known as the First Colored Baptist Church, of Clarksburg, W. Va.

Resolved, That we the undersigned names, members, withdraw ourselves from the Mount Zion Baptist church, a corrupt and disorderly body, in its practice and teaching against the laws of the Baptist church.

Resolved farther, that we organize ourselves into a company of believers in Christ to constitute a church, and that we be guided by the Holy Spirit and relying on the blessings of God.

Resolved farther, we do here and now by this act constitute ourselves a church of Jesus Christ, to perform His service and to be governed by His will, as resolved in the New Testament.

Resolved farther, that we do hereby take the Bible as a foundation to build upon its principal teaching, the laws of God.

Resolved farther, that we do hereby covenant ourselves to accept Hisop Church Directory as our law and guide to go by.

Resolved farther, the name of this church shall be known as the First Colored Baptist Church, of Clarksburg, W. Va.

Respectfully submitted:

Joseph Snell,
B. J. Wilkinson,
Norman Snell,
Mollie Watson,
Lucy Wilkinson,
Rev. J. A. Watson,
Committee.

Adopted February 21, 1904, by the following persons:

Rev. J. A. Watson,
Bro. B. J. Wilkinson,
Bro. Joseph Snell,
Bro. James Ellis,
Bro. Norman Snell,
Bro. Edmond Jones,
Bro. William White,
Bro. Robert Henderson,
Sister Sarah Snell,
Sister Lucy Wilkinson,
Sister Easter Ellis,
Sister Mollie J. Watson,
Sister Martha Jones,
Sister Pearl Travis,
Sister Alice Payne,
Sister Bettie Hunter.

Peoria, Ill., Feb. 25--Charles Miller, a wealthy farmer, shot and killed Richard Edlin, also a wealthy farmer, in a quarrel over corn.